

## Affinity Group: Shorelines/Environment

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### Burien Values

- ✓ • Diversity
- ✓✓ • Natural environment
  - Active citizens
  - My beautiful house on the water
  - Beauty
  - Ease of access without hassle of bigger cities
  - Geographic setting
    - Puget Sound
    - Close without traffic
  - Ability to maintain small town feeling & natural setting, yet close to Seattle
- ✓ • Water/ near shore/ green
  - Close to wild in urban
  - People – friendly
  - My little neighborhood/ feel
  - Never need to go east of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S
    - So convenient you don't need to
    - We can shop local!

### Burien in a word

- Decaying
- Convenient
- Friendly
- Divers
- Emerging
- Non-inclusive
- Emerging jewel
- Threatened
- Home





- Talent!
- Family & friends
- Aquatic environment
- Lake Burien

## **Fears for Burien**

- Divisiveness threatens sustainability
- Peoples' fears of future = divisiveness
- Those 'with' are afraid that too many or all resources go to those 'without'
- We need to be all inclusive, even of shoreline owners
- City risks becoming a undesirable ghetto
- Fail to include diversity in decision making
- City's attempt to grow faster than resources allow
- Apathy about environment
- City does not represent or respect citizens
- Overpopulation
- Somebody else's vision not respecting neighborhoods
- Destruction of well-established neighborhoods

## **Key Shoreline / Environment Issues**

- Sustainability
- Viable businesses
- Transparent government
- Environmentally healthy
- Neighborhood maintenance
- Safe and secure
- Infrastructure
- Stewardship
- Respect for private property vs public access
- Balance between owners/public
- More public access to water
- Public access
  - Ecology is more important
- Educate all of Burien on protecting watershed
  - i.e. runoff
  - Near shore armoring



- Protect environment for common good
- Public understanding, re: protect shoreline & natural environment
- Citizen stewards
- Water safety education → Need pool for this
- Lack of appreciation for shoreline issues → access would help
- Private shoreline ownership should be responsible but public is needed
- Education on shoreline
- Civil and respectful civic discourse
- Need for facts about shoreline
- Policies should support environment/ economy/ health/ environmental justice
- Surface water management
- Fact-based policies → science, no net loss
- Schools are distressed

## Ideas for Burien

- Partnership! vs. adversarial!
  - Shorelines
  - All components of City
- Build trust!
- Measure progress!
- Promote neighborhood identities!
- Transparency in government! Derailed by have/have nots issue
- Define sustainability goals! Become a leader!
- Citizen health & environment
- Marketing campaign to ourselves on progress!
- Attract big business! Economic development
- Education!
- Storm water infrastructure!
- Assure safety! (Crime)
- Less focus on additional low-income housing!
- Live within means!
- Celebrate diversity!



**VISION FOR BURIED - SHORELINE/ENVIRONMENT GROUP - 3/6/11**

| VALUES   | IN A WORD  | FEARS  | IDEAS FOR BURIED   | KEY ISSUES   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DIVERSITY</li> <li>NATURAL ENVIRONMENT</li> <li>ACTIVE CITIZENS</li> <li>MY BEAUTIFUL HOUSE ON THE WATER</li> <li>BEAUTY</li> <li>EASE OF ACCESS W/O HASSLE OF BIGGER CITIES</li> <li>GEOGRAPHIC SETTING</li> <li>P. SOUND</li> <li>CLOSE W/ TRAFFIC</li> <li>ABILITY TO MAINTAIN SMALL TOWN FEELING</li> <li>NATURAL SETTING, YET CLOSE TO SEATTLE</li> <li>WATER NEAR SHORE / GREEN CLOSE TO WILD IN URBAN</li> <li>PEOPLE - FRIENDLY</li> <li>MY LITTLE NEIGHBORHOOD / FEEL NEVER GO EAST OF 1<sup>st</sup> AVE'S</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DECAYING</li> <li>CONVENIENT</li> <li>FRIENDLY</li> <li>DIVERSE</li> <li>EMERGING</li> <li>NON-INCLUSIVE</li> <li>EMERGING JEWEL</li> <li>THREATENED HOME</li> <li>TALENT / FAMILY &amp; FRIENDS</li> <li>AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT</li> <li>LAKE B.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DIVISIVENESS THREATENS SUSTAINABILITY</li> <li>PEOPLE'S FEARS OF FUTURE &amp; DIVISIVENESS</li> <li>THOSE 'WITH' ARE APPRAID THOSE 'WITHOUT'</li> <li>RESOURCES WILL GO TO THOSE 'WITHOUT'</li> <li>WE NEED ALL INCLUSIVE, EVEN SHORELINE OWNERS</li> <li>CITY RISKS BECOMMING AN UNDESIRABLE GHETTO</li> <li>CONTINUE FAIL TO INCLUDE DIVERSITY IN DECISION MAKING</li> <li>CITY'S ATTEMPT TO GROW FASTER THAN RESOURCES ALLOW</li> <li>APATHY ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</li> <li>CITY DOES NOT REPRESENT OR RESPECT CITIZENS</li> <li>OVERPOPULATION</li> <li>SOMEBODY ELSE'S VISION</li> <li>NOT RESPECTING NEIGHBORHOODS</li> <li>DESTRUCTION OF WELL-ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOODS</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PARTNERSHIP! VARIOUS SCALES - Shared resources - City, County, State</li> <li>BUILD TRUST!</li> <li>MEASURE PROGRESS!</li> <li>PROMOTE NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITIES</li> <li>TRANSPARENCY IN GOV. (Transparency in government)</li> <li>MARKETING CAMPAIGN ON PROGRESS</li> <li>ATTRACT BIG BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</li> <li>EDUCATION</li> <li>LESS FOCUS ON MORE LOW INCOME HOUSING</li> <li>ASSURE SAFETY crime</li> <li>CELEBRATE DIVERSITY</li> <li>LIVE WITHIN MEANS</li> <li>STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE</li> <li>CITIZEN HEALTH &amp; ENVIRONMENT</li> <li>DEFINE SUSTAINABILITY GOALS / Bigger picture</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SUSTAINABILITY</li> <li>VARIABLE BUSINESSES</li> <li>TRANSPARENT GOV.</li> <li>ENVIRONMENTALLY HEALTHY</li> <li>NEIGHBORHOOD MAINT.</li> <li>SAFE &amp; SECURE</li> <li>INFRASTRUCTURE STEWARDSHIP</li> <li>RESPECT FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY IS PUBLIC ACCESS</li> <li>BALANCE BGT. OWNERS/PUBLIC</li> <li>MORE PUBLIC ACCESS TO WATER</li> <li>PUBLIC ACCESS</li> <li>Ecology is more imp.</li> <li>EDUCATE ALL OF BURIED ON PROTECTING WATERSHED</li> <li>Protect Environment for common good</li> <li>PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING re. PROTECT SHORELINE &amp; NATURAL</li> <li>CITIZEN STEWARDS</li> <li>WATER SAFETY EDGE</li> <li>NEED FOR L. FOOTING</li> <li>LACK OF APPRECIATION FOR SHORELINE</li> <li>ISSUES TO ACCESS</li> <li>WOULD HELP</li> <li>SHORELINE OWNERSHIP SHOULD BE FOR BUT MORE PUBLIC IS NEEDED</li> <li>EDUCATION ON SHORELINE CIVIL &amp; RESPECTFUL CIVIC DISCUSSION</li> <li>NEED FOR FACTS ABOUT SHORELINE</li> <li>POLICIES SHOULD SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE</li> <li>SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT</li> <li>FACT-BASED POLICIES re. SCIENCE, NO LOSS</li> <li>SCHOOLS &amp; BE DISTRESSED</li> </ul> |

